

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

8th March 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

It feels strange to be writing a school newsletter dressed up as a witch with a broomstick parked in the corner! Walking through school today I have seen how much effort families and staff have made to make World Book Day special. I would particularly like to thank all the parents who came in to school this week to read a story to the children. I know the children really enjoyed themselves and I hope you did too!

Unfortunately the school is currently experiencing difficulties with its website. The problem lies with Leeds Learning Network who are responsible for switching the school from its old website link to the new website link. We are in contact with them daily and I hope they will be able to resolve the matter soon.

Easter will soon be here, and the school will be holding its annual Easter egg decorating competition. Children can bring their eggs into school on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March, with the judging taking place on Wednesday 27th.

CURRICULUM

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MRS RONICLE?

You may have noticed that Mrs Ronicle hasn't been in the playground as much on a morning. This is because she has been taking some reading workshops with small groups of children.

RECEPTION READING WORKSHOPS

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported the Reception reading workshops. They have been very successful and I hope they have provided an insight into how to help your child read at home. Mrs Watson, Foundation Stage Leader.

ALDER CLASS PARENTS EVENING

As you know Mrs Davies was absent last week and therefore parents evening was postponed. It has now been rearranged for Thursday 14th March and the same times will apply.

INFORMATION

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Please note that class photograph sample packs are going home today with the children. If you wish to place an order please ensure your envelope with payment is returned to school by Thursday 14th March at the latest. Thank you.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day on Friday 15th February. We raised £368.60 – thank you for your donations!!

RED NOSE DAY

Aargh..... Friday 15th March 2013..... Aargh

Red Nose Day is coming and we are going dinosaur crazy. Nosasaurs's (red noses) will be on sale in school from Monday 11th March. They are £1 each with all proceeds going to Comic Relief. There is also 'Guess the name of the Dinosaur' – with one prize for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. The cost will be 30p a guess or 2 guesses for 50p.

We would also like children to come dressed as a dinosaur on Red Nose Day, 15th March, in either green/brown/mucky colours with either the printable mask template sent home earlier this week coloured or designed or if you're feeling creative make your own mask.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The travelling book fair is in school from Wednesday 13th March until Monday 18th March 3.30pm-4.30pm. Any commission from books purchased will allow us to buy new books for the school. We hope to see you there.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Last month we asked you to let us know if you were interested in making online payments for dinners. Unfortunately only two parents expressed an interest in this so we will not be pursuing this further at this moment in time. However, if you are interested, please let us know. If we get enough interest then we can look again at putting online payments in place.

NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 11th February to 1st March for the classes is as follows:

Elm	93.3%	Rowan	97.3%
Willow	92.7%	Cedar	95.2%
Oak	99.1%	Lime	98.7%
Sycamore	98.5%	Larch	99.6%
Maple	97.6%	Lilac	97.8%
Spruce	97.2%	Holly	97.8%
Alder	97.9%	Cherry	97.3%

We are really pleased with these attendance figures. There has been a significant improvement over the last few months. Well done and let's keep it up.

PSA NEWS

FILM NIGHT

Our first film night was a huge success! There was a great buzz and the children all really enjoyed themselves. The total profit after all license fees and expenses was £184.

Many thanks to all who helped with the tuck shop and setting/clearing up and, of course, to all the children for attending!

Special thanks go to Adam Sutcliffe and Tangerine Confectionery for supplying the Butterkist popcorn and cartons completely free of charge and to Hamish Jamson for lending us the University's projector and enormous screen!

Due to the popularity of this event, we shall be running further film nights through the year. We'll keep you posted.

SPRING CRAFT & GIFT FAIR/MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 9TH MARCH, 10AM – 1PM

Please do come along to our second Spring Fair this Saturday morning – everyone is welcome! Bring your friends and family to enjoy our numerous visiting stalls or simply pop in for coffee and a cupcake in between other Saturday morning activities. We have even more exciting stalls this year including ceramics, stained glass, bath bombs, homemade toffee and fudge, handmade preserves, jewellery and lots of Mother's Day and Easter gifts and cards. Not forgetting the children's craft corner and our cupcake café and tuck shop!

Barefoot Books will also be visiting and will be accepting the children's World Book Day tokens on Saturday.

Any further donations of cakes and biscuits for the café will still be welcome on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

ROUNDHAY INTER-PRIMARY SCHOOLS FUN RUN (JUNE)

Volunteers have now been found for the Fun Run organising committee. A big thank you to Michael Allen and Louisa Riches for offering to co-ordinate this event on behalf of Kerr Mackie.



The **Fun Run** is back, so please keep the morning of **Saturday 8th June 2013** free. More schools than ever will be participating this year and as usual there will be great raffle prizes, t-shirts, medals and lots of fun. If you want to get involved but you're not a natural born runner we will need volunteers to help marshal the event... Application forms and more information will be sent home with children at the start of the summer term!